

Park Board Minutes

August 3, 2020

The City of Madison Parks Board held its July monthly meeting this 3rd day of August 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. Members present were: Gayle Spaulding, Tim Whitaker, Derma Smith and Casey Stewart. Others present were Seth Pennington, Matt Woolard, Kim Eaglin and Jeff Bridgford.

Approval of Minutes

Board president Tim Whitaker called the meeting to order. Board Member Gayle Spaulding made a motion to accept the minutes from June as distributed, Board Member Casey Stewart seconded the motion; all approved. Motion carried.

Golf Pro Report

Jeff Bridgford, Golf Pro, announced the upcoming event at the course: 8/8- Lide White Boys & Girls Club outing. He reported we had both the State Junior and the Chamber of Commerce events the past two weekends. Both were successful and the course looks great.

Director's Report

Matt Woolard, Assistant Parks Director, reported that the Rucker Complex opened back up for practice 8/1. Baseball and softball tournaments are this week.

The campground is full this week. They are having a great season despite several events being cancelled due to the coronavirus.

We are currently working on lease/purchase agreements with John Deere and other companies. This will be for all parks maintenance equipment.

We are also currently working with Coach Wilson and Mr. Bronkella at Madison High School to hold a flag football league this year. It would be offered to students in kindergarten through 8th grade. This would be a coed league that would be low cost to us. The coaches/referees would be varsity players, and games would take place on Saturdays.

Volley on Vaughn is still slated for August 15th, the one day coed sand volleyball tournament. The entry fee is \$80 per team.

We are planning on extending our Crystal Beach pool season this year. We will be open weekends only starting 8/15. Our goal is to stay open until Labor Day.

New Business

Seth Pennington, Parks Director, presented the Board a Madison Sport Court agreement that was passed by City Council. We have officially taken over the tennis, Bocce and pickleball courts. IKEC has agreed to install an electric meter and we will

assume the electric bills. If IKEC puts the property for sale, we will get first chance to purchase it.

Seth also presented an Active Network Agreement. This software will allow patrons to fill out registrations and pay online for park events.

Next to speak was Jan Vetrus, She informed the Board that the Crystal Beach staff has done a great job this year making them feel safe in uncertain times. She also appreciates the Parks department for trying to extend the pool season this year.

Claims/Fund Balances

The Board reviewed the claims. Gayle made the motion to accept the claims as presented, Casey seconded the motion; all approved. Motion carried.

Casey made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Gayle seconded the motion; all approved. Meeting adjourned.

The next Parks Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.